

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **Nobuhiko DOUMOTO et al.**

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For: **FISH AND SHELLFISH MEAT TREATED WITH LACTIC ACID  
BACTERIA CULTIVATION MEDIUM HAVING ANTIBACTERIAL  
AND ANTI-OXIDATIVE EFFECTS**

Attorney Docket No.: **052461**

Customer Number: **38834**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination of this application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.